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SUBJECT: STUDENTS SUPPORT "POLITICAL PRISONERS"

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1. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF UNIVERSITY FEDERATIONS (STUDENTS) ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 8 THE BEGINNING OF "THE WEEK FOR FREEDOM OF POLITICAL PRISONERS". STUDENT ACTION IS TO CONSIST OF "MOBILIZATION" (MEETINGS, DISCUSSIONS, AND POSSIBLY STREET DEMONSTRATIONS) AT THE VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES. CENTER OF THE ACTIVITY IS SAN MARCOS UNIVERSITY.

2. ACCORDING TO STUDENT LEADERS, POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE LIMA AREA ARE SIMULTANEOUSLY INITIATING A HUNGER STRIKE. PRISON OFFICIALS TOLD AMBASSADOR, WHO VISITED LURIGANCHO PRISON DECEMBER 8 TO DEMONSTRATE USG CONCERN WITH WELFARE OF U.S. CITIZEN PRISONERS, THAT A "PRISONER STRIKE" WAS IN PROGRESS. NATURE OF STRIKE OR WHO IS INVOLVED WAS NOT DISCLOSED. (IN APPARENTLY UNRELATED INCIDENT, LIMA PRESS REPORTS DECEMBER 10 THAT 36 PRISONERS BEING TRANSPORTED TO LURIGANCO PRISON WOUNDED THEIR GUARD AND ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. POLICE KILLED NINE FLEEING PRISONERS AND RECAPTURED 21).

3. FINALLY, STUDENT FEDERATION SPOKESMEN CONDEMNED CONTINUED DETENTION OF STUDENTS. THEY CALLED FOR RELEASE OF IQUITOS STUDENT LEADERS, SAID TO HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE JUNGLE PRISON SEPA.

4. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT MANY STUDENTS REMAIN JAILED
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FOR THEIR ALLEGED ROLE IN STUDENT DISTURBANCES. AN INTERIOR

MINISTRY OFFICIAL RECENTLY TOLD EMBOFF THAT MANY OF THE ENGINEERING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ARRESTED DURING OCTOBER VIOLENCE (REFTEL) ARE STILL DETAINED AND HAVE BEEN SENT TO SEPA. THE USE OF A HUNGER STRIKE TO DRAW NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION TO THEIR PLIGHT IS INCREASINGLY POPULAR WITH PERUVIAN "POLITICAL PRISONERS". LABOR LAWYER ONA MEONA AND HIS COMPANIONS WENT ON A HUNGER STRIKE FOLLOWING IMPRISONMENT IN LATE 1975. ONA MEONO WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED. IMPRISONED ONCE AGAIN, HE IS APPARENTLY AGAIN REFUSING TO EAT (STATE 299156). OTHER PRISONERS ARE NOW FOLLOWING THAT EXAMPLE.
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